

Government and also National Human Rights Commission have impressed upon all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission to set up State Human Rights Commission in their respective States. Non-setting up of State Human Rights Commission, as reported, is *inter alia*, due to lack of funds and lower number of complaints.

Regulation of private security agencies

925. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that liberalization has led to splintering of the State security apparatus and the sudden springing up of private security industry and the Indian security guards, employed by MNCs like Group 4, Securitas, and the indigenous companies are already spread across major cities;

(b) if so, whether this Security industry is growing at the rate of 20-25% annually, and is estimated to be Rs. 750 billion strong, which needs to be regulated by the State; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that the Private Security Agencies Act, effective from March 2007, gives a level playing field, both for powerful players and small security agencies, so as to avoid any monopolistic trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The private security industry was already in existence before liberalization.

(b) As no systematic assessment of growth rate of the private security sector has been done by any agency, this information is not available with Government.

(c) The Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005, which has already been brought into force with effect from 15th March, 2006, is meant to regulate all private security agencies.

Spurt in activities of ULFA

†926. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden spurt in activities of ULFA during the last few days;

(b) whether Non-Assamese people have started fleeing from Assam, due to such activities; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to check fleeing of people from the State and to control activities of ULFA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Between 5-8 January 2007, ULFA killed 61 Hindi speaking persons, mostly seasonal labourers and petty vendors in Upper Assam.

(b) According to reports, some of the seasonal labourers had left Assam following the ULFA attacks.

(c) The Government of Assam has strengthened security to protect the vulnerable sections of the society. Additional Central Police Forces and Army units have been deployed for coordinated action against ULFA and other extremists groups. Government is also helping the State Government in enhancing the capabilities of the State by modernization of State Police Forces and reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. The security situation in Assam is also reviewed in the meetings of the Unified Hqrs chaired by the Chief Minister of Assam from time to time. Government of India is also monitoring the situation at periodic intervals.

Killings by ULFA

927. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been large number of deaths and killings by the outlawed United Liberation Front of Assam in the month of January 2007, where heavy toll of lives of migrant workers was taken;